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Alfred M. Rankin Jr. Elected President of The Cleveland Museum of Art's Board of Trustees

CLEVELAND (December 12, 2006) — The Cleveland Museum of Art's Board of Trustees today elected Alfred M. Rankin Jr., chairman and CEO of NACCO Industries Inc. and a member of the Board since 1992, to serve as its next president. He succeeds James T. Bartlett, who has served as president since 2001.

"The Cleveland Museum of Art is one of the world's great museums and one of our city's finest cultural, educational and economic assets," Rankin said. "I am honored to lead the Museum's Board at this critically important moment in the history of this institution. CMA's \$258 million renovation and expansion project is much needed and will benefit not only the Museum but also our city and our region. This campaign is a great responsibility for it requires the full commitment of our volunteer leadership and the support of the entire community. I look forward to working in close partnership with our trustees to take all of the steps that are needed to realize the full potential of the Cleveland Museum of Art and to maintain its standing as one of this country's leading art museums."

Rankin, Board Will Advance Momentum

Rankin takes the helm of the Museum's Board as the institution nears the completion of the first phase of fundraising — \$160 million — to support the renovation and expansion of the CMA's facilities in what is the largest campaign ever mounted by a cultural institution in the City of Cleveland and the State of Ohio. The success of this project to date has been due in large measure to the generous participation of many of the Museum's supporters. "As we move toward the second phase of this project," Rankin noted, "I would like to express my thanks to the Board and to our many friends for their support and to say how much I look forward to working with our staff and trustees to broaden the base of support for the Museum and to extend its reach into the community."

Rankin added that the funds raised for the campaign ultimately ensure much more than the renovation and expansion of the Museum's physical plant. "Our broader goal is to sustain the important work of this institution and to enhance the CMA's reputation as a museum of the first rank with a distinguished history and an even brighter future. "To do this," Rankin noted, "we must continue to develop and provide greater access to our world-renowned collection, which has been built upon a tradition of uncompromising connoisseurship. We will continue to encourage scholarship and strengthen our standing as a national leader in arts education. We must also consider

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new and innovative ways of engaging the community and developing new audiences. Further, we must advance the Museum's mission by being passionate advocates for the transformative power of the visual arts and the role that a great institution like this can play in the life of the community. This means that we must develop strategic partnerships with agencies and organizations to address our region's critical economic, educational and social challenges."

New Board to Benefit from Legacy of Sound Leadership

The CMA's Board will also benefit from additional changes in its leadership. James Bartlett, who has been President, will now serve as chairman, sharing this responsibility with Michael Horvitz, who has served as chairman of the Board since 2001. Also elected as vice presidents were Sarah Cutler, co-chair of the Committee on Trustees, Ellen Stirn Mavec, chair of the Board's Campaign Cabinet, and James Ratner, vice chair of the Board's Building Oversight Committee.

"We are in an excellent position with Al taking up the mantle," Bartlett said. "In addition to his assuming the presidency of the Board, the level of expertise and dedication among our new leadership will add significantly to our ability to fulfill the mission of the Museum and to complete the important capital project in which we are now engaged."

"The Cleveland Museum of Art will be well served to have Al Rankin as our new president," Horvitz said. "Jim Bartlett has served us with distinction for the past five years and, along with Al and Ellen Mavec, has provided key leadership for our capital campaign. We are fortunate to have such significant continuity with Al's commitment to the future of this great institution."

Rankin Well Prepared to Lead CMA

As chairman and CEO of NACCO Industries, Inc., a Mayfield Heights, Ohio-based, operating holding company with interests in lift trucks, house wares brands including Hamilton Beach and Proctor Silex, and lignite coal mining, Mr. Rankin is one of Cleveland's leading business figures.

He has served as a member of the Museum Board's Executive, Collections, Building Oversight, Investment and Campaign Planning committees, as well as co-chairing the Board's Capital Campaign Cabinet. He and his wife also have generously supported a variety of Museum initiatives, including the current renovation and expansion project.

In addition to his commitment to the CMA, Mr. Rankin is active in the leadership of many other organizations. He is a director of Goodrich Corp., the Vanguard Group and Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland; and a trustee of University Hospitals of Cleveland, University Circle Inc., The Musical Arts Association, Greater Cleveland Partnership and Case Western Reserve University.

The Ohio Arts Council helped fund this program or organization with state tax dollars to encourage economic growth, educational excellence and cultural enrichment for all Ohioans.

The Cleveland Museum of Art is one of America's leading comprehensive museums. Its permanent collection is world renowned for its quality and breadth, spanning 6,000 years. The Museum is a significant international forum for exhibitions, scholarship and art exhibitions. For more information on the Museum, its holdings, programs, services and events, call 1-888-CMA-0033 or visit www.ClevelandArt.org.

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